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In re Application of : SERRE et al. )  
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For: PEPTIDE EPITOPES RECOGNIZED BY )  
ANTI- FILAGGRIN AUTOANTIBODIES )  
IN SERUM FROM RHEUMATOID )  
ARTHRITIS PATIENTS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**ABSTRACT:** Please add the abstract provided on a separate sheet.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 4.